AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (currently amended): A keyboard comprising; at least one a switch [[(1)]],
- a rigid key [[(3)]] allowing an operator to operate the switch [[(1)]], a front face [[(4)]] comprising having an opening [[(5)]] traversed by the rigid key [[(3)]], and

sealing means preventing particles from penetrating between the rigid key [[(3)]] and the opening [[(5)]], characterized in that

wherein the sealing means comprise a flexible membrane [[(6)]] traversed by the rigid key [[(3)]], attached to the key [[(3)]] and to the front face [[(4)]].

- 2. (currently amended): The keyboard as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the flexible membrane [[(6)]] is attached to the rigid key [[(3)]] and to the front face [[(4)]] by bonding.
- 3. (currently amended): The keyboard as claimed in one of the preceding claim[[s]] 1, characterized in that wherein it comprises means of limiting the travel of the rigid key [[(3)]] relative to the front face [[(4)]].
- 4. (currently amended): The keyboard as claimed in claim 3, eharacterized in that wherein the limitation means comprise a shoulder [[(8)]] of the rigid key [[(3)]], and in that the shoulder [[(8)]] is capable of butting against the front face [[(4)]] when the operator presses on the rigid key [[(3)]].
- 5. (currently amended): The keyboard as claimed in claim 4, characterized in that wherein the flexible membrane [[(6)]] is attached to the rigid key [[(3)]] on the shoulder [[(8)]].

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6. (currently amended): The keyboard as claimed in one of the preceding claim[[s]] 1, characterized in that wherein it comprises means [[(10)]] of lighting the rigid key [[(3)]] via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key [[(3)]] is transparent.

- 7. (new): The keyboard as claimed in claim 2, wherein it comprises means of limiting the travel of the rigid key relative to the front face.
- 8. (new): The keyboard as claimed in claim 2, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.
- 9. (new): The keyboard as claimed in claim 3, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.
- 10. (new): The keyboard as claimed in claim 4, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.
- 11. (new): The keyboard as claimed in claim 5, wherein it comprises means of lighting the rigid key via the inside of the keyboard, and in that the rigid key is transparent.